them on the 2nd June 1900, " that it is only an enabling measure that is attempted here, under which Government may act as necessity arises; let us hope that the necessity may never arise for Government interference under this law, that erring trustees will take the hint and administer the important and valuable endowments under their charge with an eye to their prosperity and the welfare of the beneficiaries under the trusts, that the honest and well-conducted trustees will see in this piece of legislation a recognition and a reward for their past meritorious services and a legislative commandment to their neighbours to follow their noble example and do likewise."

If I may avail myself, Sir, of this opportunity, I wish with your permission to offer a word of personal explanation to correct what appears to me to be an evident misapprehension in certain quarters regarding the language I used on a former occasion in answering some criticisms on the Bill. I beg to assure you and through you, Sir, the public at large, that in no remarks made by me at any of the several stages of discussion on this Bill, have I been actuated by any personal feelings of disrespect or disregard towards any of those with whom I have had to express differences of opinion, whatever might be the impression produced by the form in which those remarks had been clothed. The Council will have seen that this was a regular uphill work of fighting down powerful opposition in the cause of beneficent legislation, and if I have used language which I myself might have spared in dealing with questions of lesser importance, I beg to assure you that the successful piloting of the Bill in hand to a safe haven was the one engrossing idea uppermost in my mind and I should therefore regret if such innocent enthusiasm has unconsciously caused pain which was not intended.

With these remarks, I beg to present the Report of the Select Committee and move that the Report and the amended Bill be published in the Gazette and that the consideration of the Bill be taken up at the next meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Rajaram Row.

The motion was put and agreed to.

LEPERS BILL.

Mr. Kesava Pillay.—I beg to move that the Bill as amended be passed and that it come into force on the 1st Chingom 1078.

The motion was put and agreed to.

Mr. Rajaram Row.—I beg to propose that, in the place of the late Mr. Thanu Pillai, Mr. Nagam Aiya may be appointed a member of the Select Committee on the Weights and Measures Bill.

The motion was put and agreed to.

The Council adjourned at 3-20 P. M.

K. KRISHNASWAMY RAO,
President.

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